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In re application of:

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Security Policies Used to Secure
Electronic Documents**

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is provided in satisfaction of the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance. 1138 OG 37, 38 and MPEP 609.04(a)(III).

- ☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).
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- ☒ 9. It is expected that the examiner will review the prosecution and cited art in the related U.S. Patent Application nos. 10/127,109, filed April 22, 2002;

10/677,049, filed September 30, 2003 (now U.S. Patent No. 7,703,140 B2); and 12/762,028, filed April 16, 2010, and indicate in the next communication from the office that the art cited in the earlier prosecution history has been reviewed in connection with the present application.

- ☐ 10. In accordance with the Federal Circuit decision in *Dayco Prods., Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc.* 329 F.3d 1358 (Fed. Cir. 2003), Applicants submit herewith Office Actions from the co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, as documents _____ to _____.


The identification of these Office Actions is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

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